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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

BANK CLEARING REACH OLD TIME AMOUNT FOR WEEK

Merchants Know What Caused
Unusual Activity on
Broadway.

Out of Town Buyers Attracted
by Advertising.

MAKES BUSINESS FOR THEM

Bank clearings\$609,773

Christmas week, with five business days, loomed up in the financial world with old time figures. Behind the figures is the broad smiles of the merchants, who did an excellent business. The Christmas trade was drawn largely from out of the city. Nearly all of the merchants have felt this. Owing to the short hours of the factories the people of the city did not have the money to spend for the luxuries of Christmas. More people from the surrounding counties were in Paducah for the holiday shopping than ever before, and nearly every wagon yard was crowded to its capacity.

Substantial gifts went well, but the fancies of Christmas sold well, too, and merchants, who brought on heavy stocks of toys and holiday goods find the stocks depleted. The only line of trade that may complain is the clothing line. The weather has not been cold enough to force the heavy goods upon the people. Holiday goods such as neckties, hats and vests were sold out and several merchants sold out several stocks of fancy articles.

The turning loose of the tobacco money is responsible for much of the impetus given the Christmas trade. The sales of the weed have been good and the money was turned loose at the right moment.

Cut price sales will be started by all of the merchants right away and the bargain seekers will turn loose much change that did not see the light of day during the holiday shopping.

Little John V. Bonds.
John V., 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Bonds, of 2509 Jefferson street, died at 9:30 o'clock last night of croup. The child was ill but 30 hours and his death was a great shock to his parents. The funeral and burial will be conducted tomorrow afternoon.

Bud Dale's Man Captured.
Col. Bud Dale was probably the happiest citizen in Paducah yesterday when he received the news that W. T. Leak, alias Leech, wanted in Paducah for forgery, was under arrest at Carmi, Ill. Leak is alleged to have forged a name on a check for \$250 and secured Colonel Dale to endorse it.

Fell at Kentucky.
David Maddox, a well known man of Kuttawa, narrowly escaped death from a fall at the Kentucky theater while attending the performance of "Brown of Harvard," last night. Mr. Maddox started down the long flight of steps from the balcony of the foyer and tripped and fell headlong to the bottom. He was rendered unconscious but physicians were summoned and it was found that Mr. Maddox was practically unhurt.

CHRISTMAS TREE

FOUR MILLIONS WERE CUT TO
MEET NEEDS.

Forest Service Does Not Consider
This Injury if Carefully Cut—
On 1,500 Acres.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States forest service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?" In the millions of happy homes over the country where the younger generation has made the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mothers and fathers who have given the question more or less thought.

The reply is no, if carefully done.

Mr. A. L. Joyner went to Kuttawa this morning on business.

One Man Runs Packing House.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—It is known that United States Attorney Sims is directing his efforts in the packing house investigation to trying to fasten all operations of the so-called trust on one man. Secret service men report the companies have vested full authority to give buying, selling orders and fix wages and prices in one individual. Sims is trying to locate this dictator. It is understood 150 packing house, and railroad employees were summoned before the federal grand jury Monday.

Bloody Battle Between Federal Officers and Striking Miners at Stearns Occurs on Christmas Day

Three Men Are Killed and Several
Wounded and Miners
Escape to Mountains—Resist
Service Order of Injunction.

Somerset, Ky., Dec. 26.—Additional deputies with ammunition are rushing to Stearns where three were killed and several injured yesterday, when striking miners fired on federal deputies, trying to serve papers in injunction cases. The miners escaped to the mountains. They threaten to lead an attack of mountaineers. Federal troops will go if needed. The dead include Deputy John Mullins and Richard Ross and an unknown miner.

A battle between strike promoting miners and five United States marshals took place at Stearns, a coal mining town in Whitley county, Christmas and resulted in the death of three men and the wounding of several others.

The trouble arose over the refusal of the strike promoters to obey a temporary injunction order issued several days ago.

The officers went to the scene and found the strike promoters barricaded in a hotel. As the marshals appeared they were fired upon. They returned the fire.

Mullins was instantly killed and several more were wounded. The hotel was fired and burned, and it is reported that several injured miners burned to death, although this cannot be verified. As the building was falling the miners fled.

Marshal Ryan got separated from the others and it is feared he was killed. A posse of fifty men left Somerset for Stearns and it is feared further trouble will ensue.

—The new Salvation Army hall at Fifth and Tennessee streets will be opened tomorrow at 3 p. m.

HOW THE POOR FARED CHRISTMAS DAY IN PADUCAH THANKS TO SWEET CHARITY

Christmas Day was made a happy one for the poor families, where Santa in his haste overlooked. All of the charitable organizations sent out baskets, filled with dinners, while the hearts of the children of the poor people were made glad with some toy or doll. The day was a complete success and all of the workers were tired after playing Santa.

The Charity club, following its usual custom, sent out baskets, varying the quantity according to the number of persons in a family. Seventy-five baskets were distributed among the poor, and it is estimated that 240 hungry mouths were fed. Each basket was filled to overflowing with fruits, candy, meal, flour, bacon, coffee and a few delicacies, and toys where there

HARGIS JURY DISAGREES.
Irvine, Ky., Dec. 26.—The Hargis jury was dismissed. It stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

General Christmas Fight.
In a fight in front of Dickerson & Harris livery stable, 215 South Third street, yesterday afternoon four persons were injured. Clarence Dickerson was cut on the legs and arms, Walter Dickerson, Charles Loftin and Oliver Gore were bruised. The four engaged in a fight following a dispute over the discharge of fireworks.

Slight Reduction at Shops.

Thursday afternoon notice was received by the local officials of the Illinois Central railroad shops to reduce the force. In the car department 25 men and in the machine department 20 men were laid off. Most of the employees are young men. No explanation was made, but it is presumed that it is regular tactics of the railroad to reduce expenses just before the annual report.

Strange Fancy of Drunk Man.

Some unknown man stopped the Rowlandtown car at Seventh and Trimble streets yesterday afternoon, while the police are worrying what was the matter with the fellow. The man stepped in the middle of the track, and refused to budge despite constant ringing of the bell. Seeing he would not move, the motorman stopped his car and Conductor M. L. Davis approached him. The stranger struck the conductor in the face and then walked from the track. The conductor was not hurt, and Patrolman Owen is trying to find the fellow.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt is preparing a statement regarding the Gompers decision. He will take the ground that he can't interfere while the case is before the courts. Gompers and others already have given notice of appeal.

MERCHANTS THINK CHRISTMAS REVEL HURTS BUSINESS

Hoodlums With Fire Crackers
Frighten People Off Broadway
way at Night.

Some Rough Scenes Enacted
Christmas Eve.

LAWS NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

Merchants in Paducah will take a hand in stopping the sale of Christmas fireworks and this means the end of a dangerous pastime. The merchants became aware last night that the annual revel of the Broken enacted on Broadway Christmas eve drives away hundreds of customers. Women were afraid to venture down on Broadway after dark, and merchants saw people prevented from entering their stores by the conduct of hoodlums with four inch cannon crackers.

Several arrests were made, but it was found that the firecrackers came under the else proscribed by law, and the miscreants were allowed to go. It is probable now that an ordinance will be enacted positively prohibiting the sale of any kind of fire crackers in Paducah. A committee will wait on Mayor Smith this week and ask him to lay the matter before the general council.

Some people were using fire crackers in a perfectly innocent manner, but it was plain that some ruffians on Broadway Christmas eve were taking license to insult women, endanger their lives, and endeavoring in half drunken delight to frighten horses. Four inch crackers were deliberately thrown under horses, "attached to carriages in which women were riding, and the crackers were surreptitiously dropped under the skirts of women on the sidewalk. It was remarkable that their dresses did not catch fire. One hoodlum had his face beautifully smashed by the escort of a lady, thus mistreated. Her escort excused himself from her politely and then turned to the miscreant and gave him a straight arm blow on the nose that bowled him over.

SCIENTIFIC MEN IN CHILE.

First Pan-American Scientific Congress in Santiago.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 26.—The first session of the Pan-American Scientific congress opened auspiciously. President Montt and cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps and delegates from all American republics were the attendance, and addresses were made by the president of the congress and representatives of each delegation.

Professor Leo S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, chairman of the United States delegation, in his speech expressed the appreciation of his delegation for the privilege of attending the congress. He discussed the work of the Bureau of American Republics and praised John Barrett, director of the bureau, for the work he had done, and expressed his belief in the future usefulness of the bureau.

Mr. John Saffig

Mr. Arthur Switzer, of the Mayfield road, received a telegram last night conveying the news of the death of their uncle, Mr. John Saffig, of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Saffig was ill only thirty-five minutes of paralysis. Mr. Saffig was a machinist at the C. B. & Q. shops, having been employed there 21 years. He was the brother of Mrs. Kate Switzer, who died one year ago.

Mr. Arthur and Julius Switzer left this morning to attend the funeral.

Hains Defense Begins

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 26.—The state rested its case after George Bolton described his efforts to locate John Tinning, the missing witness. The court overruled motions to dismiss the indictment, refusing to waste time in argument. Joseph Shay made the opening statement for the defense. He described the state's evidence as flimsy and biased, and bearing the semblance of falsehood. He promised to show that Thornton had no thought of going to Bayside when he left home the day of the murder. He didn't know the captain was armed. Peter was unbalanced. He explained that Thornton carried a gun because he had intended making a trip in his power boat and needed a revolver to fire distress signals. When Shay tried to explain the cause of Peter's alleged insanity the court interfered and refused to allow Annis' alleged relations with Mrs. Hains brought in.

Late Bulletins.

At Stearns.

Somerset, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A company of picked men are going to Stearns today to try to quell the disturbance and rescue Ryan, the missing marshal, known to have been wounded. The situation is serious. Troops may be called.

Kill Each Other.

Sturgis, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Zach Price and Tom Williams, brothers-in-law and millers, shot each other to death.

Three-Cornered Fight.

Grayson, Ky., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Town Marshal Pratter killed Grant Stamper and fatally wounded Steve Stamper in a three-cornered pistol fight.

Jeffries Won't Fight.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Jeffries announced that he won't fight Johnson.

Gompers Case.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt issued a statement in the Gompers case. He says he can't act while the case is before the courts. He will give it immediate and careful consideration if presented to the executive. He has instructed the department of justice to keep him informed in the matter.

In Circuit Court.

Yesterday was the last day that suits could be filed in order that the cases might be put on the appearance docket for the next term of court, which begins the first Monday in January and several actions were instituted.

Effe Hale brought suit for divorce and alimony against her husband, Peter Hale. Cruel treatment is alleged and alimony of \$750 asked. The couple were married in Livingston county.

The Tennessee Coffin and Casket company filed suit against C. J. Howell for \$219 claimed due on account.

Joe Grace and M. Carrick filed suit against Burton Washburn and R. F. Washburn for \$53 claimed due on a note.

Woolfolk, Bowers & company filed suit against Mrs. Phoebe Rigglesberger for \$1,585.90 and foreclosure on mortgaged property asked.

For alleged failure to use due diligence in delivering a telegram, announcing the death of her father, Mrs. S. J. Taylor filed suit in circuit court against the Western Union Telegraph company for \$2,000 damages. It is alleged that a telegram was filed by Mrs. Taylor's brother at Canyon City, Tex., November 20 at 8:20 o'clock a. m., announcing the death of her father and the place of his funeral. It is alleged that the message was not delivered until 9 o'clock that night and that the plaintiff was thereby prevented from attending the burial.

Virgil S. Lovelace, a merchant at Lovelaceville, who lost his store in the recent fire, filed suit in circuit court against the Southern Insurance company, of New Orleans, for \$2,000, the amount of a policy on the stock of goods destroyed and which it is alleged the company refuses to pay.

Rudy-Kilgore.

Mr. J. E. English, brother-in-law of Mrs. Carrye Thornberry Rudy, received a telegram from St. Louis today at noon, informing him of the marriage of Mrs. Rudy to Mr. Blaine C. Kilgore, manager of the Paducah Coopers company, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore will be home Sunday night. They left on the St. Louis train last night and were married at the home of the groom's sister.

Government Aids

Pittsburgh, Dec. 26.—Federal authorities are taking a hand in the investigation of councilman scandals. Bank examiners are investigating all banks to discover alleged payments to councilmen. Sensational developments are expected.

RUSSIAN REBELS REPULSE POLICE WHO ATTACK THEM

Moscow, Dec. 26.—The most serious Russian outbreak since 1905 occurred at Villa, near this city. Police attacked the revolutionists, who were holding a secret meeting. The latter drove them off, killing Baron Cotte, chief of secret police; Colonel Muraki and several police. It required an artillery attack before the rebels surrendered. A general uprising is reported. Troops are hurrying to the scene.

The number of bricks used in the Evert tunnel is computed to be 77,000,000.

ALLEGED NIGHT RIDER TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF WITH GUN NEAR LYON COUNTY HOME

Ed Fox, Accused of Giving Information,
Shoots Himself Through Stomach—
Wife Tries to Prevent His Act.

ONCE HE HAD DATE WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY KRONE
BUT FAILED TO KEEP IT PROBABLY BY THREATS

Suspected of Taking Part in Birmingham, Dycusburg, Eddyville and Princeton Raids—Other Suicides.

Eddyville, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Is there a law of the night riders, which makes a man his own executioner of the sentence of the band for betrayal of its secrets? One suicide and two attempts of suspected persons in Lyon county make the authorities believe that self-extermination is being carried out by order of the band.

Threatened with vengeance, it is believed, by night riders for exposures of their depredations, Ed Fox, living near Eddyville, shot himself through the stomach Christmas Eve, and is not expected to live. He is under \$2,000 bond on the charge of night riding, although he has not been indicted, and he is suspected of having taken part in the Eddyville, Princeton, Dycusburg and Birmingham raids.

He was returning about 10 o'clock with his wife from a neighbor's house when he shot himself. He had borrowed a revolver for protection. His wife saw him with the revolver to his head and seized the weapon. The muzzle dropped just as it was discharged and the ball penetrated the lower part of his stomach.

Fox was 35 years old and belongs to a well known Lyon county family.

Fox has interested the authorities for the reason that he failed to keep an appointment at Grand Rivers with County Attorney Krone and it was thought that his appointment was a ruse to lure Krone into an ambush of night riders. Krone was accompanied by soldiers and nothing happened. Now it is believed the man intended giving information and was deterred by threats. Soldiers have been withdrawn from a great part of the night rider country, and it is supposed the threats were renewed.

CHRISTMAS FIRES

KEPT LADDIES HOPPING ALL
DAY YESTERDAY.

Nothing Big, but Considerable Damage
Done to Three Stables During
the Night.

Fires kept the fire laddies on the jump Christmas. Sparks from fireworks is attributed as the cause for all the fires. Yesterday at noon a spark set the roof of the home of City Auditor Alex Kirkland on fire, and the No. 3 hose and the No. 4 truck companies responded. Grass on a vacant lot on Harrison street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, caught fire, and to prevent damage to surrounding property the No. 3 hose company extinguished the fire. No. 2 hose company went to the yard of the Presbyterian church on Elizabeth street this morning to extinguish a small grass fire.

Three Stables Burn.
Three stables between Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Madison and Monroe streets, were destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of about \$600. The fire originated from sparks from fireworks dropping on the stables. The dry wood made kindling for the flames, and the sparks fell about the homes in the vicinity and many owners stood on roofs with buckets of water.

The fire started in the stable of Mr. Robert McCune, 1714 Madison street, and had gained headway when discovered. An alarm was turned in and No. 3 hose company and No. 4 truck company answered. The run was a long one and a long line of hose had to be laid. Chief Wood saw the danger of the fire spreading and a second alarm was turned in, hose companies Nos. 1 and 4 responding. The stables of Frank James and Walter Pell were also destroyed by the fire. The firemen were busy with the fire about two hours.

Some household furniture that was stored in the stable was destroyed. Mr. McCune has many fine game chickens and he lost about ten of them.

Claus Spreckles Dies

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckles, the multi-millionaire sugar magnate, died of pneumonia today. He became ill suddenly Tuesday. His son, John, and grandson, Randolph Spreckles, were at his bedside.

Attack on Fallieres

Paris, Dec. 26.—Police charge that Mathis' attack on President Fallieres is due to a Royalist plot. They are canvassing the Royalists' headquarters and intimate there will be other arrests. The general belief is that Mathis is unbalanced. They think the attack is an outgrowth of the recent attack by George on Dreyfus. Mathis is anti-semitic and it is supposed brooding prompted the assault.

Last October a young man of the name of Bescott in the western part of Lyon county killed himself in the presence of his own family. He was wounded in the Birmingham raid and he was trailed by his bloody bandage. His father upbraided him and he shot himself. A mail carrier near La-masco, the heart of the night rider country, took an overdose of poison and his death was averted by that fact.

Otis Blick Injured.

Murray, Ky., Dec. 26. (Special.)—Otis Blick, star witness for the prosecution in the Marshall county night rider trials, was knocked in the head Thursday evening by Oatman Farley, a well known young man of this place, who used a spade. The fight is alleged to have originated in an old grudge, which started while Blick was in camp with the soldiers here under Capt. Carl Henderson. Blick came here Thursday to spend the holidays. Some words passed and Blick is said to have reached for his pistol. Farley grabbed a spade and struck Blick on the head and knocked him down. Farley disarmed his adversary and took the pistol from his pocket and carried it to police headquarters, where Farley surrendered. Blick was picked up unconscious and carried to the doctor's office and his wound, a long gash on the head, was dressed. He was tried before Judge Simpson and fined \$25 and given 10 days in jail for carrying a weapon concealed.

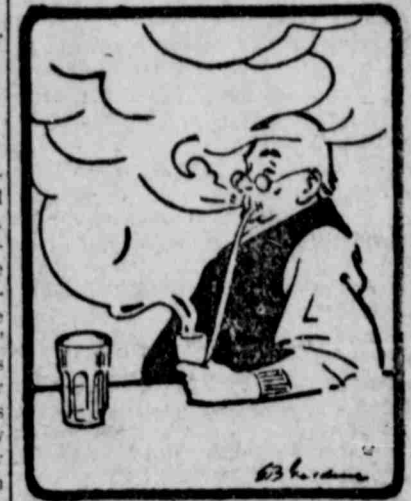
Henry White, the American ambassador, arrived at Havre, France, from the United States after an absence of seven weeks.

Knights of Columbus Team.

The degree team of the Knights of Columbus left this morning for Henderson, where special work will be done by the members. The following members left: Messrs. J. T. Donovan, Fred H. Flanagan, Harry Kelley, John Petty, Dr. B. L. Bradley, Morton Hand, Dr. W. J. White. The team will return Monday.

At the Postoffice

The clerks at the postoffice have enjoyed something of a rest today in comparison with the rush early this week, although there has been enough business to keep them at work. Many belated Christmas gifts arrived through the mails while others have been mailed today. Postmaster Frank Fisher this morning said that the mails this year had been heavier than last year, but it had been handled quicker and better than any year before. The postoffice was allowed two extra clerks for five days, and this helped out with the rush. Another good feature was the early mailing of many Christmas packages, which did not make the work in such a heap for the clerks. Christmas day's passing will not mean that the clerks will be able to return to the average mail, for already the mail is being flooded with catalogs, calenders and circulars being sent out for the new year.



CLOUDY

Partly cloudy and continued cooler Sunday.